7th January 1954]

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is already an anicut across the river at Nagarvalli about $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles north of Devadanapatti. A scheme to construct a reservoir about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above that anicut was considered a few years ago, but dropped because, apart from its prohibitive cost and poor return, it would affect adversely existing irrigation depending upon the waters of the river."

Grant of compensation to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar.

* 372 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum on 11th August 1953 from the Kottayam Taluk Committee of the Communist Party of India, Tellicherry, requesting the grant of a life allowance and free medical aid to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar, a victim of the Police firing on 11th February 1950 and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir. The case is one where the incident referred to was brought about by the prisoner himself along with others by disorderly and turbulant conduct in prison. Having considered the case, the Government did not see sufficient justification to comply with the request made for the payment of a life allowance and a lump sum grant as suggested."

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* 373 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the action taken on the memorandum submitted to Hon. the Chief Minister on 11th August 1953 by the Kottayam Taluk Committee of the Communist Party of India, regarding the grant of compensation, gratuity or allowance to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar of Kuthuparamba, North Malabar, one among the disabled for life in the Salem Jail shooting?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answer to the short notice question No. 372 on the same subject."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the enquiry committee appointed by the Government, presided over by a retired High Court Judge pointed out that there was no justification for continued shooting till the ammunition was exhausted and that excessive force was employed? In the light of the opinion expressed by the special enquiry committee, will the Government come forward at least to see that Sri U. V. Narayana Marar, the unfortunate victim of those incidents, who comes from a very poor family and who is completely bed-ridden, is admitted in the General Hospital, Madras and given some good treatment?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think medical opinion about the person referred to by the hon. Member is that he is not ill. Is it not so?"